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SUBJ: DC DEPUTY TOMBESI LOOKS AT OSIMO

1. PRINCIPAL OFFICER RECENTLY SENT LETTERS TO ALL DEPUTIES AND SENATORS RESIDENT IN THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT INTRODUCING HIMSELF TO THOSE HE HAS NOT YET MET, AND ASKING ALL TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CONSULATE FOR ANY NEEDS THEY MAY HAVE. GIORGIO TOMBESI FROM TRIESTE WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO RESPOND AND DROPPED IN AT THE CONSULATE MARCH 15, FOR A CHAT ON A NUMBER OF ITEMS INCLUDING OSIMO.
2. TOMBESI IS ONE OF THE NEW DC DEPUTIES ELECTED IN JUNE 1976. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN AMONG THE SEVERAL INVITED TO MEET WITH

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CHARGE' BEAUDRY IN ROME LAST WEEK BUT REGRETTED BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF CHAMBER BUSINESS. HE HOPES TO MEET SOON WITH THE CHARGE', AND IS SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT.

3. TOMBESI HAD MOSTLY OSIMO ON HIS MIND, HAVING BEEN THE SOLE DC DEPTUY TO VOTE AGANIST THE TREATY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HAD LITTLE CHOICE IN VIEW OF HIS CONSTITUENCY'S STRONG FEELINGS ON THE SUBJECT. AS FOR THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ZONE IN THE CARSO, HE SAID THAT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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THE WORST FEATURE OF ALL SINCE IT WOULD BE A HAVEN FOR YUGOSLAV MANUAL LABORERS AND MULTI-NATIONAL INVESTMENTS WITH NOTHING IN IT FOR TRIESTE WHICH HAD GIVEN UP SO MUCH. HIS GOAL IS TO CHANGE THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ZONE INTO SOME SORT OF RESEARCH CENTER (INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH PARK). TRIESTE TAMBURINI IS ALREADY IN THE UNITED STATES AS A VOLUNTARY VISITOR LOOKING INTO SUCH MATTERS (TRIESTE 0067). TRIESTE UNIVERSITY ALSO SEEMS ALLIED WITH

TOMBESI AND ON THE BASIS OF A LINK ESTABLISHED VIA THE CONSULATE/USIS WITH ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION IT MAY SEEK TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH AT BELLAGIO.

4. ASKED BY TOMBESI FOR VIEWS ON OSIMO, PRINCIPAL OFFICER OFFERED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ZONE SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN THOUGHT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE POLITICAL CONTENT OF THE

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TREATY PALATABLE. IN ANY EVENT, SINCE ITALY ALONE WOULD HAVE TO INVEST SOME 600 BILLION LIRE IN THE VENTURE, THE ZONE WAS NOT ON THE HORIZON. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AGREEMENT, AND ANY EFFORT TO NULLIFY OF UNDERMINE IT COULD WEAKEN THE OVERALL TREATY.

5. PRINCIPAL OFFICER NOTED THAT OSIMO THROUGH ITS COOPERATIVE FEATURES OFFERED YUGOSLAVIA A HIGHLY DESIREABLE BALANCING LINK THROUGH ITALY TO WESTERN EUROPE'S POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SECURITY INSTITUTIONS AND THAT POLITICAL NOT ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS WERE PROBABLY PARAMOUNT FOR BELGRADE. TO THE EXTENT OSIMO CONTRIBUTED TO THE STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF YUGOSLAVIA, THE TREATY WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN THE INTERESTS OF ITALY AND ITS ALLIES, HE SAID. AT THE SAME TIME, THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER REMINDED TOMBESI THAT ITALY'S FRIENDS AND ALLIES WERE MOST MINDFUL OF THE PAINFUL ASPECTS OF OSIMO, PARTICULARLY FOR TRIESTE.

6. TOMBESI ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AN OPEN STABLE BORDER WITH AN INDEPENDENT YUGOSLAVIA WAS VERY MUCH IN ITALY'S BROADER STRATEGIC INTERESTS AND TRIESTE'S IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC INTERESTS. HE ALSO WAS AWARE THAT TO ATTACK THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE WAS TO RISK UNDER-CONFIDENTIAL

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MINING THE ENTIRE TREATY--SOMETHING HE SEEMED QUITE RELUCTANT

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TO UNDERTAKE DESPITE HIS GREAT DISTASTE FOR OSIMO. AT THE SAME TIME TOMBESI SAID THAT TRIESTE WAS GETTING NOTHING OUT OF THE WHOLE BUSSINESS AND THEREFORE THERE WAS NO TRADE-OFF FOR TRIESTE'S PLUS RENUNCIATION OF ZONE B PLUS. PRINCIPAL OFFICER NOTED THAT THE ITALIAN-YUGOSLAV VENTURE WAS UNIQUE AND TRIESTE WAS IN AN IDEAL POSITION TO ENCOURAGE EC PARTICIPATION IN THE EFFORT, FOR EXAMPLE UNIVERSITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS ENJOY INTERNATIONAL REPUTATIONS AND ARE ALREADY ACTIVE ALONG THE LINES TOMBESI HAS IN MIND FOR THE CARSO.

7. TOMBESI ASKED FOR NOTHING AND SEEMED CONTENT TO KEEP DISCUSSION OF OSIMO ALONG GENERAL LINES. HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PURSUE HIS GOAL OF CHANGING THE NATURE OF THE PROJECTED ZONE TO SOME SORT OF RESEARCH PARK WITH VIEW OF GETTING SOMETHING PLUS CONCRETE PLUS FOR TRIESTE AND TO WIN THE SUPPORT OF

ECOLOGY GROUPS ACTIVE IN THE AREA.

8. POLITICALLY, OSIMO IS GOING TO LEAVE ITS MARK FOR SOME TIME IN TRIESTE. A PSI/PCI ALLIANCE NOW HEADS THE TRIESTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND DC TRIESTE MAYOR SPACCINI IS HANGING ON TO HIS JOB BY HIS FINGERNAILS. MUCH OF THIS IS DUE TO LOCAL HOSTILITY TO THE DC POSITION ON OSIMO. TRIESTE COMMUNAL ELECTIONS ARE DUE

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THIS YEAR AND THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT A SO-CALLED CIVIC LIST MAY RUN ON OSIMO WHICH AT A MINIMUM WILL DRAIN VOTES AWAY FROM THE DC AND INDIRECTLY HELP THE PCI. TOMBESI CALLS THE LOCAL DC CHIEFTAINS (CORRADO BELCI, DEPUTY AND PLUS IL POPOLO PLUS EDITOR, SERGIO COLONI, DC FRIULI REGIONAL SECRETARY, AND DARIO RINALDI, DC TRIESTE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY) INTRANSIGENTS WHO HAVE UNDERESTIMATED THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF OSIMO. IF THEY CONTINUE TO

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HEW BLINDLY TO THE DC LINE, HE SAID, THEY AND THEIR CANDIDATES AND ALLIES WILL HAVE NEITHER HIS SUPPORT OF THAT OF PLUS IL PICCCOLO PLUS IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS.

9. COMMENT: THUS, OSIMO POT CONTINUES TO BOIL LOCALLY, BUT IS CLEAR THAT DESPITE LOCAL AGITATION THE REST OF ITALY AND THE DC AND THE PCI CONSIDER THE MATTER CLOSED AND THEY WILL DO NOTHING TO REOPEN IT AND THREATEN THE TREATY. AT THE SAME TIME, FORLANI HAS APPARENTLY AGREED TO DISCUSS DELICATELY THE NATURE OF THE EVENTUAL COOPERATION CALLED FOR BY THE AGREEMENT DURING THE EXCHANGE OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION. AS SEEN FROM TRIESTE, YUGOSLAVIA WILL PRESS HARD FOR REALIZATION OF THE JOINT VENTURE NOT FOR SO MUCH FOR ECONOMIC REASONS BUT FOR THE POLITICAL LINK IT WILL OFFER TO WESTERN EUROPE. FOR THAT REASON, THE YUGOSLAVS,

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WHILE THEY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY PREFER A LABOR-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIAL ZONE, THEY WILL PROBABLY SETTLE FOR SOMETHING LESS IN VIEW OF THEIR BROADER INTERESTS. AS FOR THE ITALIANS, EMOTION OBSCURES THE LOCAL VIEW. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME SIGNS THAT THE ITALIANS ARE SEEING IN OSIMO THE POSSIBLE WHEREWITHHALL AND IMPETUS FOR THE REJUVENATION OF TRIESTE IN AN EUROPEAN CONTEXT. TO THE EXTENT ITALY'S FRIENDS AND ALLIES CAN DO SO, SUCH TENDENCIES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. MOEN.

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